

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
The Secretary of State

FROM : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Encomium for the BBC Monitoring Service

1. In August the BBC Monitoring Service will observe its 40th Anniversary. Since 1942 this organization and our Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) have been in close working partnership under which they divide the monitoring of foreign broadcasts between them worldwide and fully exchange the monitored information. The BBC contributes about 30 percent of the FBIS daily file, at a saving to the USG of about \$5 million per year.

2. At this anniversary, a letter of appreciation from a high U.S. official for the BBC Monitoring Service's contribution to the United States would be appropriate. I am forwarding attached such a letter, addressed to Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, with the request that you would sign it on behalf of all the departments and agencies of the United States Government which have benefitted from the BBC's monitoring services through FBIS.

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Attachment:
Draft letter of appreciation

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The Right Honorable,
The Lord Carrington, P.C., K.C.M.G., M.C.
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs

Dear Mr. Secretary of State:

On the 40th Anniversary of the BBC Monitoring Service, I should like to express to you and through you to the BBC this Government's sincere appreciation for the vital information services which the BBC Monitoring Service has provided us throughout these years.

Under difficult wartime conditions, the BBC Monitoring Service pioneered the monitoring of foreign broadcasts and made an essential contribution to the allied effort. Since then, it has developed an enviable standard of professionalism in its field. For some 37 years, the United States Government and public have benefitted greatly from its work through the exchange of monitored information with our Foreign Broadcast Information Service, an association which has also served to strengthen the understanding and friendship between our countries.

On behalf of my grateful associates in the Department of State and throughout the United States Government, I send the BBC Monitoring Service our best wishes for the future.

Sincerely yours,

Cyrus R. Vance